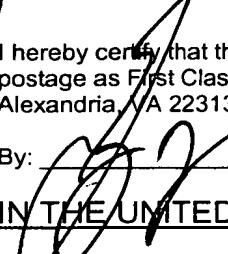




Docket No.: M&N-IT-449

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

By: 

Date: February 6, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/667,260 Confirmation No: 6047  
Applicant : Nikolaus Schunk et al.  
Filed : September 19, 2003  
Title : Receiving and Coupling Part for Opto-Electronic Transmission  
and/or Reception Element  
Art Unit : 2822  
Examiner : to be assigned  
  
Docket No. : M&N-IT-449  
Customer No. : 24131

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

European Patent Application EP 0 053 483 A2 (Katagiri et al.), dated June 9, 1982;

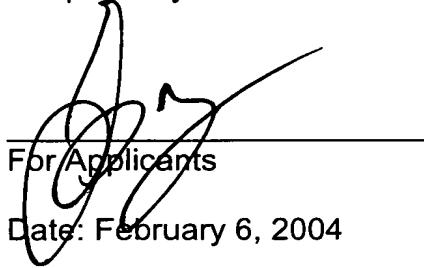
International Publication WO 98/06141 (Severn), dated February 12, 1998;

PCT Office Action dated January 12, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a

communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,



For Applicants

Gregory L. Mayback  
Reg. No. 40,719

Date: February 6, 2004

Lerner And Greenberg, P.A.  
Post Office Box 2480  
Hollywood, FL 33022-2480  
Tel: (954) 925-1100  
Fax: (954) 925-1101

/bmb



FORM PTO-1449 (SUBSTITUTE)  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (37 CFR 1.98(b))		Attorney Docket No.: M&N-IT-449	Applic. No. 10/667,260
		Applicant Nikolaus Schunk et al.	
		Filing Date September 19, 2003	Group Art Unit 2822

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		PATENT NO.	DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
	A						
	B						
	C						
	D						
	E						
	F						
	G						
	H						
	I						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSL. YES   NO
	J	0 053 483 A2	06/09/82	Europe			X
	K	98/06141	02/12/98	WIPO			X
	L						
	M						
	N						

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	O	
	P	
EXAMINER		DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609;  
Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with  
next communication to applicant.